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Letter dated 9 February 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement issued by the press centre of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic concerning the bloodshed which took place in Sarajevo on 5 February 1994 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 42, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 6 February 1994 by the press centre of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic

On 5 February 1994, the world learnt about another terrible crime in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The shelling of the central market in Sarajevo killed 62 people and wounded more than 200 people belonging to the Muslim population of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

One more act of bloodshed has been added to the long list of countless sufferings heaped on the people of the former Yugoslavia by an absurd war which is already two years old. This crime has been committed at a time when the United Nations and the entire world community are continuing their strenuous efforts to find a solution to the crisis in that country.

The responsibility for the barbarous act committed in Sarajevo, regardless of who actually committed it, lies with those who plunged the peoples of Yugoslavia into the abyss of fratricidal war and, because of their interest in the continuation of the carnage, are trying to extract equivocal political dividends from the situation.

The people of Azerbaijan, better than any other, understands the sufferings being endured by the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which, like Azerbaijan, is the victim of aggression. The Azerbaijani people condemns the brutal act committed in Sarajevo and expresses its solidarity with the just struggle of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina.